Chapter 6

Electronic Resources/Information Systems

With the help of personal computers, a wealth of electronic resources/information systems may be accessed through the Internet or via E-Mail. These electronic resources/information systems are "For Official Use Only." The REE Bulletin referenced below outlines policy for use of the Internet and E-Mail. It includes specifics on acceptable uses, rules of on-line behavior, and responsibilities of management and users.

Three most frequently used policy statements include:

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement http://www.ars.usda.gov/nodisc.html	The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 300 7th Street N.W., Room 400, Washington, D.C. 20024, or call 202-720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Government System Usage Policy http://www.ars.usda.gov/gosys.html	This information service operates on a U.S. Government computer system. This system is monitored to ensure proper operation, to verify the functioning of applicable security features, and for other like purposes. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and is advised that if such monitoring reveals evidence of possible criminal activity, system personnel may provide the evidence of such activity to law enforcement officials. Unauthorized attempts to upload or change information; to defeat or circumvent security features; or to utilize this system for other than its intended purposes are prohibited.
Commercial Endorsement Disclaimer http://www.ars.usda.gov/comm.html	The use of trade, firm, or corporation names in this publication (or page) is for the information and convenience of the reader. Such use does not constitute an official endorsement or approval by the United States Department of Agriculture or the Agricultural Research Service of any product or service to the exclusion of others that may be suitable.

Abbreviations: See Chapter 22 for commonly used acronyms and abbreviations.

References: P&P 253.4 - Use of Information Technology Resources

(Revised 10/2000)

Point of Contact: Hank Davis
                         Area Computer Specialist
                         USDA-ARS-NPA
                         1201 Oakridge Drive, Suite 150
                         Fort Collins, CO 80525-5562
                         Telephone: (970) 229-5512
                         Fax: (970) 229-5536
                         E-Mail: davish@npa.ars.usda.gov

                         or

                         Nadene Grow
                         Computer Assistant
                         USDA-ARS-NPA
                         1201 Oakridge Drive, Suite 150
                         Fort Collins, CO 80525-5562
                         Telephone: (970) 229-5519
                         Fax: (970) 229-5536
                         E-Mail: grown@npa.ars.usda.gov